

## **STATE OF CALIFORNIA 1915(B) PROGRAM**

### **FACT SHEET**

**Name of 1915(b) Waiver Program: California Intermediate Care Facility for  
Developmentally Disabled-Continuous Nursing  
(CA ICF/DD-CN)**

<b>Date Proposal Submitted:</b>	January 3, 2001
<b>Date Proposal Approved:</b>	August 17, 2001
<b>Scheduled Expiration Date:</b>	November 14, 2003
<b>Date Program Implemented:</b>	August 17, 2001

### **SUMMARY**

The State of California operates a pilot managed care waiver program, called California Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled-Continuous Nursing (CA ICF/DD-CN), under the authority of §1915(b)(4) waiver. The Program provides a new level of ICF/MR service for developmentally disabled Medi-Cal eligible consumers who are medically fragile.

In January 2001, the State of California Department of Health Services submitted a 1915(b) application to test a new licensure for Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation (ICF/MR). The State currently has an ICF/MR-H level of care for people who require developmental training and habilitative services and an ICF/MR-N level of care for people who require intermittent skilled nursing care, as well as developmental training and habilitative services. The new level of care, ICF/MR-CN is intended for people who require 24-hours of skilled nursing care and/or observation to allow the individual to remain in a small community-based setting.

California's proposal allows for 10 pilot sites throughout the State serving up to a total of 60 Medi-Cal Program recipients. The Sites must apply and meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to provide the new level of care. At a minimum, the site must be able to provide the ICF/MR-N level of care. Since the State provides this program in a limited number of locations, it requires a 1915(b)(4) waiver.

### **TARGET POPULATION/ELIGIBILITY**

The new level of care, ICF/MR-CN is intended for medically fragile developmentally disabled individuals who require 24-hours of skilled nursing care and/or observation to allow them to remain in a small community-based environment.

### **NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED**

There are about 25 individuals currently being served under this waiver.

## **BENEFIT PACKAGE**

The ICF/DD-CN level of care provides for continuous skilled nursing services, which are not available in either the ICF/DD-N or ICF/DD-H facilities. The ICF/DD-CN facility provides 24-hour skilled nursing care and support to consumers who would otherwise be placed in a large institutional setting. Frequent medical interventions are provided such as: respiratory therapy, hemodialysis, special feeding requirements, IV administration of medications and wound care. Non-medical services include: developmental training, habilitative services and active treatment to facilitate activities of daily living, prevention of regression and amelioration of developmental delay.

## **COST SHARING**

There are no cost sharing requirements.

## **ENROLLMENT LIMIT/CAP**

This waiver will serve up to a maximum of 60 individuals.

## **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

The new level of care, ICF/MR-CN is intended for people who require 24-hours of skilled nursing care and/or observation to allow the individual to remain in a small community-based setting. The ICF/DD-CN facility is able to provide medical and nursing care and support to consumers who would otherwise be placed in a large institutional setting. Currently, there are six facilities participating in the waiver.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The State has a quality monitoring system in place.

## **MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS**

There have been no modifications/amendments at this time.

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